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Ms. Pamela Creedon
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RE: Proposed Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin and the Tulare Lake Basin to Incorporate a Central Valley-Wide Salt and Nitrate Control Plan

The Tulare Lake Drainage District and the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District represents approximately 210,000 acres and numerous growers that farm in very unique setting within the historic Tulare Lake. Our representatives have worked very closely and very cooperatively with the CV-SALTS initiative since its inception.

In an effort to promote and enhance the long-standing salt management activities in the historic Tulare Lake Bed, the Districts have spent substantial amounts of time, money and effort to de-designate the groundwater MUN and AGR beneficial use designations due to the highly elevated saline conditions. Now that the de-designations have been completed, we request the Salt Control Plan be clarified to apply to areas where there is a MUN or AGR groundwater beneficial use. This clarification to the Salt Control Program should be made in the introductory paragraph on page 43 and in the section titled "Permitted Discharge to a Water Body Subject to De-designation of Beneficial Use" (bottom of page 44). It should be reflected that based upon a P&O Study, a discharge in an area where there is not a MUN or AGR groundwater beneficial use designation should not be subject to the Salt Control Program.

The Districts appreciate all the work and dedication of the Regional Board and the stakeholders in the development of the Basin Plan Amendments. It has been along and worthwhile process leading up to this.

Sincerely,

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